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SUBJECT: EAST-WEST CENTER PROGRAM ON TESTING AND COUNSEL-
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IT IS NOW CLEAR THAT LACK OF FUNDS WILL PRECLUDE HOLDING
OCEANIA TEACHER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AGAIN THIS FISCAL
YEAR. SINCE EMBASSY SUVA AND FIJI MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THEME OF TESTING AND
EVALUATION, DEPARTMENT WISHES BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION AN
EAST-WEST CENTER(HONOLULU) SUMMER PROGRAM IN TESTING AND
COUNSELING ACROSS CULTURES. IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE SEND
OFFICIAL FROM MINISTRY OF EDUCATION ON AN INTERNATIONAL
VISITOR GRANT, TO STAY AT EWC FOR THE THREE WEEKS OF THE
SUMMER PROGRAM AND CONTINUE TO MAINLAND AFTERWARD FOR TEN
DAYS TO TWO WEEKS OF REGULAR IV PROGRAMMING.

DETAIL ON PROJECT FOLLOWS:

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1. PURPOSE: TO PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS FROM ASIA, THE

PACIFIC AND THE U.S. WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO STUDY AND LEARN FROM THE IDEAS CONTAINED IN THE PROCESSES AND SYSTEMS THAT A VARIETY OF SELECTED CULTURES HAVE DEVELOPED FOR TESTING AND COUNSELING. COUNSELING - DEFINED HERE AS THE GIVING AND RECEIVING OF HELP - MAY RANGE FROM VOLUNTARY ADVICE GIVING, THROUGH STANDARDIZED TESTS, AND UP TO THE SCHED-

ULED ACTIVITY OF PAID PROFESSIONALS.

2. FOCUS: (A) ON THE INFORMATION GATHERING SYSTEMS NECESSARY TO PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION ESPECIALLY AS THEY FUNCTION IN RELATION TO EFFECTIVE HELPING NEEDS, FOR

EXAMPLE: THE CONSTRUCTION, ADMINISTRATION AND INTERPRETATION OF TESTS; METHODS USED TO GATHER NECESSARY BACKGROUND DATA FROM THE COMMUNITY; INTERVIEWING AND OTHER TECHNIQUES USED TO GATHER INFORMATION FROM AND ABOUT INDIVIDUALS; (B) THE TECHNIQUES OF HELPFUL INTERVENTION BY THE COUNSELOR.

3. PROCEDURES: HAVING IDENTIFIED THE COUNTRIES AND CULTURES TO BE REPRESENTED IN THE PROGRAM, THE PROGRAM WILL EXAMINE THOSE APPROACHES ALREADY BEING USED IN EACH SETTING; I.E., THE INDIGENOUS SYSTEMS, TO COMPARE THEIR EFFECTIVENESS BOTH SUB-CULTURALLY AND CROSS-CULTURALLY AND, WHERE POSSIBLE, IDENTIFY ALTERNATIVES. PARTICIPANTS AS WELL AS OUTSIDE RESOURCE PERSONS WILL BE EXPECTED TO CONTRIBUTE FROM THEIR OWN EXPERIENCE AND BACKGROUND TO THESE STUDIES AND EVALUATIONS.

4. CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPANTS:

A. SHOULD HAVE A POSITION WHERE THEY ARE FREQUENTLY CALLED UPON TO WORK WITH TESTING OR COUNSELING.

B. SHOULD REPRESENT A RANGE OF SKILLS IN DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF CROSS-CULTURAL COUNSELING AND TESTING THAT WILL CONTRIBUTE A VARIETY OF SPECIALIZED EXPERTISE FROM DIFFERENT CULTURES.

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C. SHOULD BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE SPECIFIC WAYS THEY WOULD USE THEIR SKILLS IN CROSS-CULTURAL TESTING AND COUNSELING UPON RETURN TO THEIR HOME CULTURE.

D. SHOULD PREFERABLY HAVE PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN WORKING WITH OTHER CULTURES OR SUB-CULTURAL GROUPS.

E. SHOULD BE FLUENT IN ENGLISH.

ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST IF YOU ARE
INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING. KISSINGER

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